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1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Task Force on Financing Long-Term Care Insurance**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force on Financing Long-Term Care
4 Insurance to study costs and methods to make long-term care insurance
5 affordable; providing for the membership and the staff of the Task Force; and
6 requiring the Task Force to report its findings to the General Assembly by a
7 certain date.

8 WHEREAS, The post-World War II "baby boomer" generation is aging with an
9 increasing proportion of the population living well into their 80s, the State and its
10 citizens face increases in health care maintenance costs not faced by prior
11 generations; and

12 WHEREAS, Many people fear that they will outlive their resources and be
13 unable to take care of themselves in what should be their golden years; and

14 WHEREAS, Current market rates for long-term care insurance remain beyond
15 the budget of many citizens; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That a Task
17 Force on Financing Long-Term Care Insurance is established to study costs and
18 methods to make long-term care insurance affordable; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Task Force be composed of:

20 (1) two members of the House of Delegates appointed by the Speaker of
21 the House of Delegates;

22 (2) two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate;

23 (3) two members representing the insurance industry appointed by the
24 Governor; and

25 (4) one member representing the Insurance Administration appointed by
26 the Insurance Commissioner; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the Task Force explore methods to make affordable
2 long-term care insurance for senior citizens and citizens under age 60 and to allow
3 the portability of long-term care insurance similar to the portability of health
4 insurance and 401(k) retirement plans allowed under current law; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Task Force report its findings to the General Assembly on
6 or before December 31, 2003; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That staff for the Task Force be provided by the Insurance
8 Administration; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
10 Legislative Services to the Honorable Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor of Maryland;
11 the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and
12 the Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates.